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The Honorable Jocelyn G. Boyd
Chief Clerk/Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: Application Regarding the Acquisition of Progress Energy, Inc. by
Duke Energy Corporation and Merger of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC
Docket No. 2011-158-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Pursuant to Regulatory Condition 7.6(b) and Order Nos. 2012-517 and 2016-772, attached for filing in the above-referenced matter, please find a copy of Duke Energy Corporation's ("Duke Energy" or the "Company") 2018 Confidential Financing Plan (the "Financing Plan"). Regulatory Condition 7.6(b) requires Duke Energy to file, on an annual basis, with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") an advance confidential plan of all securities issuances the Company anticipates occurring during the calendar year. In addition to the public version of the Financing Plan being electronically filed with the Commission, we are also hand delivering to the Commission a copy of the confidential version, which will also be made available for review by the Office of the Regulatory Staff.

The Financing Plan contains market sensitive, confidential and proprietary information, the disclosure of which could impact Duke Energy's financing costs. As such, the Company requests that the Commission grant its request for confidential treatment pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-804(S)(2) and protect this information from public disclosure.

We are providing notice of the filing to the parties of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Rebecca J. Dulin

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Nanette Edwards, Esq., Office of Regulatory Staff
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Parties of Record

**BEFORE
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Incorporated and Duke Energy)
Carolinas, LLC)
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2018 Confidential Financing Plan of Duke Energy Corporation
Pursuant to Order Nos. 2012-517 and 2016-772

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